

# ST HUGH OF LINCOLN RC CHURCH

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Parish Office: Monday 9.00-2.30pm, Tuesday 9.00 -2pm and Thursday 9.00-2.30pm

Mass Times: Sunday (Sat 6pm) 9.30am & 11.30am. Holy Day Mass 9.30am & 7.30pm.

Weekday Mass: Monday to Saturday 9.30am. Morning Prayer: Monday to Saturday 9.10am.

Adoration & Confession Wednesday & Saturday 10.00-10.30am Confession Saturday 5.15 to 5.45pm & on request.



## **SUNDAY 23rd April 2023, 3rd Sunday of Easter**

**Parish Mass Book Year A Vol 1 page 259 Psalter Week 3**

**FIRST READING: Acts 2: 22-33**

*It was impossible for him to be held by the powers of Hades.*

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 15: 1-2, 5, 7-11 response v.11**

Show us, Lord, the path of life.

**SECOND READING: 1 Peter 1: 17-21**

*Your ransom was paid in the precious blood of lamb without spot or stain, namely, Christ.*

**GOSPEL: Luke 24: 13-35**

*They recognised him at the breaking of bread.*

**COLLECT: May your people exult forever, O God, in renewed youthfulness of spirit, so that, rejoicing now in the restored glory of our adoption, we may look forward in confident hope to the rejoicing of the resurrection. Amen.**

### **From the Presbytery Window**

*Their eyes were opened, and they recognised him.*

Our readings remind us of the gifts Jesus' resurrection has brought for us. Joy, glory, praise, hope and faith are woven through each reading, inviting us to share again in the Eastertide celebration. Peter reminds the crowd, in spite of the terrible injustice done to Jesus, God has shown victory over death and raised Jesus to glory. With this comes the power of the Holy Spirit, now outpoured for all people. The Psalmist rejoices in the God who stands ready to protect us from all dangers, who will show us the path to everlasting happiness.

Peter speaks, in the first sermon preached after the resurrection, of how Jesus gave his life as a ransom for our sins. Because of this, all who believe can have faith and hope in God. We join two of Jesus's disciples on their journey to Emmaus, blind to the identity of the risen Lord as he walks with them. When Jesus reveals himself to them in the breaking of bread, they recognise him, just as he disappears from their sight. Unlike the disciples, we have never seen Jesus in the flesh. Because of the faith we have received, we can see and recognise Jesus in the people and situations around us. We pray this week, for the wisdom and courage to respond wherever we see Jesus in the needs of others.

### **ARCHITECTURAL DRAWINGS**

Last Wednesday at Mass, I asked the people, where ever they were, to stop at 12 noon and pray for a miracle. It worked. Miracles do happen and we are now the proud owners of an historic piece, which has always belonged to our parish, to the first Garden City, and which will shortly be back in our possession. Around 1907, Fr. Adrian Fortescue, Rector of Letchworth and our first Parish Priest, asked Mr. Charles Spooner to produce architectural draw-

ings for our original Church, opened in 1908. On 19th April, these drawings came up for auction in Edinburgh, with a guide price of £800 - £1,200. On my instruction and having taken both independent and internal advice, our parish acquired these drawings for £2000, the total cost after fees being £2,520. While I appreciate people and families are struggling financially, even with in-work poverty, this, I believe, isn't a frivolous expense. The Church asks a parish priest to have a care for the patrimony of the parish. Several parishioners have expressed a desire to contribute to this purchase. Their generosity and commitment to preserving our church's history played a key role in the decision to bid for the drawings. If anyone would like join them and contribute to the cost, please contact the Parish House. Similarly, if any parishioner has an interest in the history of our parish and would like to help investigate what happened to the drawings between leaving Letchworth and their return, again, please make contact. All of us can pray, in this Easter Season, for those people and priests who have lived in and served our parish for the past 116 years, as we look to the future with faith and confidence.

*Fr Jimmy*

### **FUNERAL**

The Funeral Mass for the repose of the soul of Claire Hayward, age 47, will be held on Tuesday 25th April at 10.30am. Livestreaming will be available from our parish YouTube channel but please come to support her husband and family if you can. May Claire rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.

### **CORONATION MASS**

There will be a Sung Mass on Friday 5th May at 9.30am (livestreamed) with refreshments in the St Hilda Room afterwards. The Coronation will be marked at all weekend Masses.

### **THE LETTER SCREENING—Today**

In support of the activities organised by Westminster Justice & Peace for climate action in the Diocese, we are holding a screening of the movie THE LETTER on Sunday 23rd April at 3pm. THE LETTER is a documentary film by Emmy-winning director Nicolas Brown, released in October 2022 by the Laudato Si' Movement. The title refers to Pope Francis' encyclical letter *Laudato Si'*:

*On Care for Our Common Home*, written in 2015 and addressed to 'every person living on this planet'. Following the movie, refreshments will be available. We invite parishioners to attend and invite others to join us. The event is free of charge. Donations can be made on the day to CAFOD towards their work to combat climate change and its impact on the most vulnerable communities.

### **PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: YOUR HELP NEEDED!**

There will be two meetings for parishioners to attend and give their views on what the role of the Parish Pastoral Council should be. Meeting dates: 22nd April at 10.45am and 29th April at 10.45am. We very much hope that parishioners will find the time to pop in, especially if you run one of our parish groups. Alternatively, any parishioner can write in with their views to Dan Sinnott

[[dfsinnott@yahoo.com](mailto:dfsinnott@yahoo.com)] or Nick Fishwick [[nick.fishwick@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:nick.fishwick@hotmail.co.uk)].

Nick and Dan will be addressing the congregation at all weekend Masses to offer an explanation about the purpose of the meetings and to encourage people to attend. *Nick*

### **PRIEST TRAINING FUND**

Next Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday, the day we pray for priests and for vocations to the priesthood. The annual collection for the Priest Training Fund will take place next weekend. This fund pays for the priestly formation of men for the Catholic priesthood. There are currently 48 men studying at Allen Hall seminary, 14 of whom are from our own Diocese, and two men are studying in Rome, also from our Diocese. Last year 8 men who studied at Allen Hall were ordained to the priesthood to serve as our future priests. This fund also supports the ongoing enrichment and formation of our ordained priests. Your generous donation helps ensure we can support these men who are called to be like Christ the Good Shepherd. Donation envelopes are available in the back of the church. Please take one home, read the information, and bring it back next weekend

with your donation. Please continue to pray for vocations and for our priests. You can use the QR code to make your donation online or visit [www.rcdow.org.uk/donations](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/donations). Thank you for your generosity.

### **CATECHISTS WANTED**

If you enjoy working with children and young people, please consider joining the Parish Catechetical Team. We urgently need volunteers to take on the roles of lead Catechists for our First Holy Communion and Confirmation Programmes. Please get in touch with our office if you are interested in taking up this very important and very rewarding ministry. [Letchworth@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:Letchworth@rcdow.org.uk)

### **FLOWER CROWNS WORKSHOP**

On Thursday 4th May at 7pm come to STM School and join our PA in a guided, step by step workshop on how to make beautiful fresh flower crowns. All equipment and seasonal flowers will be provided together with a glass of Prosecco or soft drink on arrival. Tickets are £20 each and booking is essential in order to ensure enough material is acquired. You can book online at <https://st-thomas-more-pa.sumupstore.com/product/flower-crown-workshop-Thursday-4th-may>

### **MASS INTENTIONS -**

*Sat 22nd to Sun 30th April 2023*

Saturday 22nd April

6pm: Luigi Rizzo RIP

**Sunday 23rd April**

9.30am: People of the Parish

11.30am: Violet and Bernard Albon RIP

Monday 24th April

9.30am: James Cleary RIP

Tuesday 25th April

10.30am : Funeral Mass - Claire Hayward RIP

Wednesday 26th April

9.30am: Private Intention

Thursday 27th April

9.30am: Tony & Eileen Geraghty RIP

Friday 28th April

9.30am: Anna Marie Harris RIP

Saturday 29th April

9.30am: Hugh Doran RIP

6pm: Mick McGrinder RIP

**Sunday 30th April**

9.30am: People of the Parish

11.30am: Frankie Campbell RIP

**MASS BOOKINGS** are available from June, weekend Masses from mid-June.

If you are filling in a Mass Intention envelope please make sure to leave a contact number and to specify for whom the Mass is offered.

### **CARDINAL'S LENTEN APPEAL 2023**

Thank you for your generous support for the Cardinal's Lenten Appeal. This year's funds will be shared between the four pillars of the Cardinal's Lenten Appeal: Marriage & Family Life; Youth & Evangelisation; The Education Service and Caritas Westminster, as well as initiatives run by parishes. Thanks to your generosity, we are able to continue this work throughout our Diocese. You can view a short film about the impact of your previous support, by clicking on this link: [The People of Caritas Westminster - YouTube](#)

### **REPOSITORY**

Mass Cards, Baptism, First Holy Communion, Confirmation as well as Birthday cards are now available to purchase from our repository. Boxes with our card selection are in the St Hilda Room. Prices are on the card boxes. Thank you.

### **ST HUGH OF LINCOLN TODDLER**

**GROUP** takes place on Thursdays from 9.30-11.30am, term-time only, in Fortescue Hall. All parents/grand-parents/carers are welcome. £1 donation per child to cover snacks and resources is much appreciated.

### **FORTESCUE HALL**

Hall hire fees: Monday - Friday: parishioner £17 per hour; external organisations £20 per hour. Saturday or Sunday daytime only: parishioner, £20 per hour; external organisations £25 per hour. Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to make a booking.

### **SASH (Seniors at St. Hugh)**

If you have recently retired or moved to our Parish, or used to attend the group before Covid, or for any other reason, then why not give us a try? The SASH group meets each Thursday at 2.30pm in the St Hilda Room.

Sash Spring Programme 2023: 27th April: My memories of Queen Elizabeth's Coronation.

### **HOLY WATER BOTTLES**

If you have any empty Holy Water bottles at home, please bring them back to Church. We are running out and it would be good to reuse the bottles already distributed rather than buying more plastic.

**We pray for all those who are sick and those suffering in any way including:**

Nora Ivers	Pat Davies
Richard Parker	Anne Hudson
Stephen Prohaska	Angela Horne
Aron Haughton	Anthony Horne
Anna Harte	George Marston
Joe Fernandes	Elizabeth McKenna
Margaret Haywood	Debbie Giacobelli
Toby Hughes	Brenda Feeney
Mary Wallace	Rosie Child
Philomena Johnson	Sarah Moore
Andrew Browne	Willie Hudson
Sean O’Gorman	

**Easy Giving:** To make giving to your parish easier there is a Contactless Machine in the Church porch or you may give via our parish website; [www.parish.rcdow.org.uk/letchworth](http://www.parish.rcdow.org.uk/letchworth)  
Thank you for your generosity.

**Standing Order:** Making your offering to the Church by Standing Order is simple and enables the Finance Committee with Fr Jimmy to plan parish finances accurately. Please contact the Parish Office if you would like information about giving by Standing Order.

**Planned Giving:** Parishioners who are part of our Planned Giving Scheme can collect their box of envelopes from the Church

**Candle Donations** For candle donations: please use the Holy Souls box in the Church Porch for the time being.

**Collection Total March:** £ 6,967.56 . Thank you for your continued generosity.

**Dates for your Diary:**

Sun 23rd Apr	The Letter - screening at Fortescue Hall, 3pm. Refreshments available
Mon 24th Apr	St George’s Day—Sung Mass 9.30am
Sat 29th Apr	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting 10.45am
Fri 5th May	Sung Mass for the Coronation of King Charles 9.30am
Sun 14th May	First Holy Communion Mass 9.30am
Thu 18th May	<b>The Ascension of the Lord</b> — Parish and STM Mass
Sun 21st May	First Holy Communion Mass 9.30am
Sun 28th May	<b>Pentecost</b> Confirmation Mass—Celebrant Bishop Paul 9.30am
Sun 11th Jun	<b>Corpus Christi</b> - Thanksgiving Mass for First Holy Communion Children
Sun 2nd Jul	Baptism Preparation Course

**Our Catholic Schools**

**St Thomas More RC Primary School**, Highfield, Letchworth, Herts, SG6 3QB

Tel: 01462 620670    [www.strcjmi.herts.sch.uk](http://www.strcjmi.herts.sch.uk)

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Tel: 01438 314643    [www.jhn.herts.sch.uk](http://www.jhn.herts.sch.uk)

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Please remember Catholic patients can only be visited by the Catholic Chaplain, or a priest, if they, or a relative, contact the Chaplaincy or nursing staff.